

Annunciation Parish
Minutes of Pastoral Council Meeting – 21 April 2010
St. Anne's Hall – 7:00 P.M.

The meeting began with a meditation by St. Anselm, read by Father Farrar. Father asked for a volunteer to take the council minutes and Nancy Kronoshek agreed to do so. Pam Karlin reported on her findings about the Bible Study held in Lawrence. The group meets weekly, September through May, for about two and a half hours. The program is "Levina Spirito", out of Lexington Kentucky. It consists of 23 CDs. The cost is \$350 per topic. There is no fee for participants. Discussion was held as to the groups in the parish that might participate. Father suggested Pam contact Christine Brown as a resource and that a program of one hour per session, such as "The Catholic Way", might be more do-able.

Nancy Kronoshek reported on her findings on parish software. Some parishes had theirs written for them by parishioners or companies. Mary Wilson of Holy Spirit offered to share her expertise with the one they have through Applied Insight Solutions, Inc. Research offered that Access was difficult to use and that Excel could be easily modified and would be user friendly. Father was going to look into other Parish Packages.

Ann Christie revisited her idea of collecting school supplies for families in need, asking parishioners to pick up extras during sale times. It was agreed to pursue this in the fall, with pick-up by families at the church with the hopes of acquainting ourselves with Catholics who do not normally attend. Ann visited with Laura Dickinson who is in charge of the food pantry in Baldwin. We were supplied with a very comprehensive list of needs. Father suggested that the first Sunday of each month would be designated as collection week with a need or theme of that month. Donations will be collected at Masses and then taken to the pantry. Ann will check with Laura two weeks before the collection dates to see what the needs are. We will consider taking charge of some distribution dates in the future and possibly furnish re-usable bags with the church's name on them. The first collection will be May 1 and 2. The items requested will be personal hygiene and paper products.

Dale Schwarz passed out handouts on prices and materials for the church sign. Questions were asked about warranties. Scott will check with KDOT on sign placement and Dale is going to check on other locations (see hand-out). It was agreed that installation could be handled in house. There was some discussion about what to put on the back of the sign and Mark Brown asked about the possibility of having the Mass schedule posted as well as making it more available for travelers. Pam offered that Susan Baker from the chamber can put anything we want on the Chamber E-News.

Andy Seibert was absent so a report on the Architectural Consultation will be forthcoming. Discussion on the main wall paint and surface ensued. Architects will be consulted and Father expressed his wish for a deadline to be chosen, possibly around a special feast or Holy Day. The fact that the cry room has an inadequate PA system was

discussed. Father addressed the fact that the problem could be costly and perhaps not possible. Scott suggested some type of wireless system.

Harvey Ward reported on his findings in relation to building plans. He distributed the plans that were accessed from the Archdiocese. There seems to be no available project manual for the church, he will contact the Architectural firm to try to obtain one. Harvey found that two of the parishes our size that he contacted did have dedicated spaces for CCD. He plans to follow up with other pastors on their community facilities.

Father informed us that the Pastoral Planning Process will be coming up in the next few months and we must encourage participation in the process. It is important that we strive for authentic growth with the blessing of interior growth through participation in both the liturgy and the programs and events within the church. Members volunteered to count heads during the Masses over the next few weeks, to arrive at some attendance numbers. Mark Brown reported that he has located the bell from the old church and will be making an appointment with Father and the new owner to go through the building.

The meeting was concluded with a blessing from Father. The next meeting will be held on May 19, 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Nancy Kronoshek